

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for remote presence recognition information delivery, the system comprising:
an information delivery system; and
a remote presence detector coupled to the information delivery system, the remote presence detector configured to send a presence indicator to the information delivery system, the information delivery system configured to take an information delivery action based at least in part on the presence indicator.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the information delivery system includes a computer, the computer including a network port, the network port to receive information from a network.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the information delivery system includes a web browser, the web browser to request web page information based at least in part on the presence indicator.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote presence detector is selected from the group consisting of an ultrasonic presence detector, an infrared presence detector, a radio frequency presence detector, and a visible light spectrum detector.
5. The system of claim 4, wherein the visible light spectrum detector is a video camera.
6. The system of claim 5, wherein the video camera includes a charge coupled device.
7. The system of claim 1, further comprising user profile data, the user profile data coupled to the information delivery system.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the information delivery system is configured to take an information delivery action based at least in part on the presence indicator and the user profile data.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote presence detector includes a remote identity detector, the remote presence detector configured to send a identity indicator to the information delivery system, the information delivery system configured to take an information delivery action based at least in part on the identity indicator.

10. The system of claim 9, further comprising user profile data, the user profile data coupled to the information delivery system, the user profile data including one or more user identifiers.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the user profile data includes one or more information delivery action records, each information delivery action record of at least a subset of the one or more information delivery action records including a user identifier field to store a user identifier and an information delivery action instruction field to store an information delivery action instruction.

12. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote presence detector is configured to determine that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system while the user is not in physical contact with each of the remote presence detector and the information delivery system.

13. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote presence detector is configured to determine that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system when the user is not speaking.

14. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote presence detector is configured to determine that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on a user moving from a first location to a second location, each of the first location and the second location being remote from the remote presence detector and the information delivery system.

15. A system for remote presence recognition information delivery, the system comprising:
an information delivery system including

a processor, and

a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing user profile data and a

plurality of instructions configured to be executed by the processor, the plurality

of instructions including presence detector instructions; and

a remote presence detector coupled to the information delivery system, the remote presence

detector configured to send a presence indicator to the information delivery system, the

information delivery system configured to take an information delivery action based at

least in part on the presence indicator and the user profile data.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the user profile data includes one or more information delivery action records, each information delivery action record of at least a subset of the one or more information delivery action records including an information delivery action instruction field to store an information delivery action instruction.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein each information delivery action record of at least a subset of the one or more information delivery action records includes a time field to store at least one of a time value and a time range value.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein the remote presence detector includes a remote identity detector, the remote presence detector configured to send a identity indicator to the information delivery system, the information delivery system configured to take an information delivery action based at least in part on the identity indicator and the user profile data.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the information delivery system includes a web browser, the web browser to request web page information based at least in part on the identity indicator.

20. The system of claim 18, further comprising a server coupled to the information delivery system, the server to receive user status information, the user status information based at least in part on the identity indicator.

21. The system of claim 15, wherein the information delivery system is selected from the group consisting of a computer, an internet appliance, a web television system, a home entertainment system, an audio system, an audio-video system, a television system, and a stereo system.

22. The system of claim 15, wherein the information delivery system includes a web browser, the web browser to request web page information based at least in part on the presence indicator.

23. A method of remote presence recognition information delivery, the method comprising:
operating a remote presence detector coupled to an information delivery system;

determining that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on receiving a presence indicator from the remote presence detector;
accessing user profile data, the user profile data including one or more information delivery action records;
identifying an information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator; and
executing an information delivery action based at least in part on the identified information delivery action record.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the information delivery system includes:
a processor coupled to a memory, the memory storing instructions configured to be executed by the processor, the processor coupled to a network port, the network port to receive information from a network; and
a web browser, the web browser to request web page information via the network port based at least in part on the presence indicator.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein the remote presence detector is selected from the group consisting of an ultrasonic presence detector, an infrared presence detector, a radio frequency presence detector, and a visible light spectrum detector.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the visible light spectrum detector includes a charge coupled device.

27. The method of claim 23, wherein:
the remote presence detector includes a remote identity detector;

determining that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system is based at least in part on receiving an identity indicator from the remote presence detector; and identifying the information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator includes identifying the information delivery action record based at least in part on the identity indicator.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein each information delivery action record of at least a subset of the one or more information delivery action records including a user identifier field to store a user identifier and an information delivery action instruction field to store an information delivery action instruction.

29. The method of claim 23, wherein the remote presence detector is configured to determine that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system while the user is not in physical contact with each of the remote presence detector and the information delivery system.

30. The method of claim 23, wherein the remote presence detector is configured to determine that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system when the user is not speaking.

31. The method of claim 23, wherein the remote presence detector is configured to determine that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on a user moving from a first location to a second location, each of the first location and the second location being remote from the remote presence detector and the information delivery system.

32. A method of delivering information, the method comprising:

storing user profile data, the user profile data including one or more information delivery action records;

determining that a first user is at a first location in the vicinity of an information delivery system, the first location being remote from the information delivery system;

receiving a presence indicator from a remote presence detector, the remote presence detector coupled to the information delivery system;

selecting a first information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator; and

executing a first information delivery action based at least in part on the first information delivery action record.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the first information delivery action is selected from the group consisting of refreshing a web page, deactivating a screen saver, requesting information from a predetermined network address, requesting e-mail messages, executing an application, powering on the information delivery system, adjusting the volume of an information delivery system, tuning the information delivery system to select a channel, exiting a power-saving mode, exiting a hibernation mode, and sending a user status indicator to a server based at least in part on the presence detector.

34. The method of claim 32, wherein:

receiving a presence indicator from a remote presence detector includes receiving a first identity indicator from an identity detector; and

selecting a first information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence
indicator includes selecting a first information delivery action record based at least in part
on the first identity indicator.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the first information delivery action includes
determining whether the first user is authorized to receive information from the information
delivery system.

36. The method of claim 34, wherein the first information delivery action includes
determining whether the first user has exceeded an information delivery access allocation.

37. The method of claim 34, further comprising:
receiving a second identity indicator from the identity detector; and
selecting a second information delivery action record based at least in part on the second
identity indicator.

38. The method of claim 37, determining which of the first information delivery action and
the second information delivery action has priority over the other.

39. A system for remote presence recognition information delivery, the system comprising:
means for operating a remote presence detector coupled to an information delivery system;
means for determining that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based
at least in part on receiving a presence indicator from the remote presence detector;
means for accessing user profile data, the user profile data including one or more information
delivery action records;

means for identifying an information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator; and

means for executing an information delivery action based at least in part on the identified information delivery action record.

40. The system of claim 39, wherein:

the remote presence detector includes a remote identity detector;

the means for determining that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on receiving the presence indicator from the remote presence detector includes means for determining that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on receiving an identity indicator from the remote identity detector; and

the means for identifying the information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator includes means for identifying the information delivery action record based at least in part on the identity indicator.

41. A method for remote presence recognition information delivery, the method comprising:

a step for operating a remote presence detector coupled to an information delivery system;

a step for determining that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on receiving a presence indicator from the remote presence detector;

a step for accessing user profile data, the user profile data including one or more information delivery action records,

a step for identifying an information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator; and

a step for executing an information delivery action based at least in part on the identified information delivery action record.

42. The method of claim 41, wherein:

the remote presence detector includes a remote identity detector;

the step for determining that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on receiving the presence indicator from the remote presence detector includes a step for determining that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on receiving an identity indicator from the remote identity detector; and

the step for identifying the information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator includes a step for identifying the information delivery action record based at least in part on the identity indicator.

43. A computer-readable medium storing a plurality of instructions to be executed by a processor for remote presence recognition information delivery, the plurality of instructions comprising instructions to:

operate a remote presence detector coupled to an information delivery system;

determine that a user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system based at least in part on receiving a presence indicator from the remote presence detector;

access user profile data, the user profile data including one or more information delivery action records;

identify an information delivery action record based at least in part on the presence indicator; and

execute an information delivery action based at least in part on the identified information delivery action record.

44. The computer-readable medium of claim 43, wherein:

the remote presence detector includes a remote identity detector;

the instructions to determine that the user is in the vicinity of the information delivery system

based at least in part on receiving the presence indicator from the remote presence

detector include instructions to determine that the user is in the vicinity of the information

delivery system based at least in part on receiving an identity indicator from the remote

identity detector; and

the instructions to identify the information delivery action record based at least in part on the

presence indicator includes instructions to identify the information delivery action record

based at least in part on the identity indicator.